

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. **4002-3465**  
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 Title **VERTEBRAE FASTENER PLACEMENT GUIDE**  
 Express Mail Label No. **EL 983135144 US**

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☐ \*Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 22]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix or computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 24]  
☐ Informal ☒ Formal
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all necessary*)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
*(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).  
 Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/695,004

Prior application information: Examiner: Roy Dean Gibson Group / Art Unit: 3739

**For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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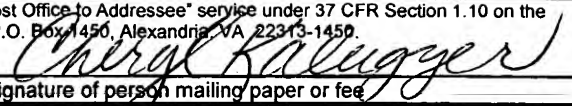
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